

Questioning ~ Connecting ~ Seeing ~ Hearing ~ Engaging

Esprit Orchestra – educating Canada's young people about new music for nearly 20 years!!!

March 1st and 2nd

Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre

The Weekend Young Composers Festival

Esprit brings 30 of Canada's brightest young composers together for a weekend. . . of guest artist appearances, concerts, special performances, short films, & talks by cultural giants. *Bring it on!*

On Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 2nd, Canada's trail-blazers meet the torch-bearers! Join us...as Esprit introduces Canada's award-winning young composers to each other, to you – their new and future audiences – and to professional and cultural leaders alike.

- **Hear classical music & cultural passions for the 21st Century!**
- **See little-known short films by Canada's finest directors!**
- **Enjoy Esprit performances of music by young & established composers!**
- **Check out 2 new Dutch films accompanied live by Esprit!**

| Friday, March 1 | Saturday, March 2 |
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| <p>12:15 to 12:45 pm – School Concert Composer's Talk: Students hear composers Brian Current & Jose Evangelista talk about their music.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• * Plus, they meet Canada's celebrated violist, Rivka Golani, who speaks about her performance of Evangelista's music, which was written for her. <p>1:00 to 2:00 pm – School Concert: Students enjoy Esprit orchestra conducted by Alex Pauk in performances of Brian Current's <i>For the Time Being</i> and Jose Evangelista's Concerto for Viola and Orchestra.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• * After each performance, students have the chance to ask questions from the audience. <p>7:00 pm – Short films produced by Rhombus Media, directed by Guy Maddin, Don McKellar & Jeremy Podeswa, plus electroacoustic music by Ariel Santana</p> <p>8:00 pm – Concert with guest artist: Rivka Golani, viola; music by Brian Current & José Evangelista; plus 2 Dutch films accompanied live by Esprit: <i>Helen Barbara</i> – David Lammers, director; David Damm, composer; and <i>Rhombos</i> – Esther Eva Damen, director; Yannis Kyriakides, composer</p> | <p>10:00 am – Open rehearsal – All welcome!</p> <p>4:30 pm – "Out of the Box" – An exchange of ideas with talks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bram Buijze, Royal Netherlands Embassy Cultural Attaché▪ Evelyn Hart, Prima Ballerina▪ Arsinée Khanjian, Actor▪ Composers Michael Colgrass, José Evangelista & John Rea <p>6:00 pm – Light buffet dinner (call: 416-366-7723)</p> <p>7:00 pm – Short films produced by Rhombus Media, directed by Atom Egoyan, David Cronenberg & Michael Snow, plus electroacoustic music by Mathieu Lafontaine and Pierre Alexandre Tremblay, and a screening of <i>Portrait of Evelyn Hart</i></p> <p>8:00 pm – Concert - Music by Paul Frehner, Geof Holbrook, Chris Paul Harman & Paul Steenhuisen, plus Dutch composer Ron Ford with Unionville High School student composers</p> |

To attend as our guests call Sandy Bell by Feb. 18: 416-815-7887, or email info@espritorchestra.com